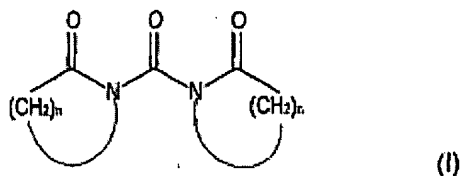


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

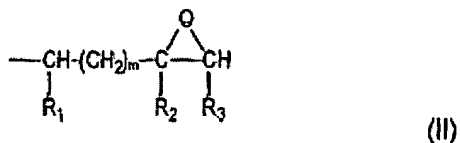
1. (original) Process for preparing a high-molecular polycondensate, i.e. a polyester, a polyamide, a polyester-amide, a polycarbonate, a polyether or a block copolymer by melt-mixing a polyester, a polyamide, a polycarbonate, a polyether or a mixture of at least two of these said polycondensates with a carbonyl bislactam according to formula (I)



in which formula n = an integer of between 3 and 15,

characterized in that during said melt-mixing also a diepoxide is present.

2. (original) Process according to claim 1, wherein the diepoxide is a compound containing epoxy radicals of formula (II)



which radicals are linked direct to carbon, oxygen, nitrogen or sulfur atoms,
wherein R₁ and R₃ are both hydrogen, R₂ is hydrogen or methyl, and m=0, or

wherein R_1 and R_3 , taken together, are $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}_2\text{-CH}_2\text{-CH}_2-$, in which case R_2 is hydrogen and $m=0$ or 1 .

3. (original) Process according to claim 1, where in formula (I) $n=5$.

4. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, wherein use is made of 0.1 to 4 wt.% of the bislactam, relative to amount of the polycondensate.

5. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, wherein use is made of 0.01-5 wt. % of diepoxide, relative to amount of the polycondensate.

6. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, wherein during the melt mixing additionally an additive and/or a filler and/or a reinforcing agent and/or a stabilizer is added.

7. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-6~~ claim 1, wherein the melt mixing is done in an extruder.

8. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-7~~ claim 1, wherein the melt mixing is done in a single screw extruder.

9. (currently amended) Process according to ~~any one of claims 1-8~~ claim 1, where in the compound according to formula (I), $n=5$.